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SUBJECT: FRG PRESS REPORT ON SALT AND IKLE SPEECH

1. THE SEPTEMBER 1 ISSUE OF "FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE" LED WITH A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON BY JAN REIFENBERG THAT EARLY CONCLUSION OF SALT TWO WAS "VERY DOUBTFUL." HE WROTE THAT, IN THE VIEW OF AMERICAN EXPERTS, SOVIET STRATEGIC ARMAMENT EFFORTS WERE AIMED AT INCREASING THE DIRECT THREAT TO WESTERN EUROPE BY MEANS OF EQUIPPING SOVIET IRBM'S WITH MIRV WARHEADS AND AT DEVELOPING A NEW GENERATION OF ICBM'S WHICH COULD DESTROY MOST AMERICAN "MINUTEMEN" IN A FIRST STRIKE.

2. REIFENBERG ALSO REFERRED TO THE SPEECH WHICH ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE DELIVERED ON TUESDAY IN LOS ANGELES IN WHICH THE LATTER SPOKE OF SOVIET POWER IN REGIONAL NUCLEAR BOMBERS AND MISSILES HANGING LIKE "A GIGANTIC, DARK CLOUD OVER EUROPE AND ASIA." FOLLOWING THE ABOVE QUOTATION, REIFENBERG CONTINUED:

"THEREFORE, IKLE DEMANDS AN EXPANSION OF THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS TO INCLUDE IRBM'S, SINCE OTHERWISE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPEATED, COSTLY ARMS RACE IN THIS AREA WOULD BE

UNAVOIDABLE, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE THE SOVIET ATOMIC WEAPONS THREATENING WESTERN EUROPE AND ASIA ARE NOT AN OBJECT OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS."

3. A FOREIGN OFFICE DISARMAMENT OFFICIAL HAS ASKED US WHETHER THE ABOVE SENTENCE ACCURATELY REFLECTED IKLE'S VIEW. THE OFFICIAL, WHO FOLLOWS THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, NOTED THAT IF THE REPORT WERE ACCURATE, IT WOULD REPRESENT A DEPARTURE FROM THE PREVIOUS AMERICAN POSITION THAT SALT INCLUDED ONLY U.S. AND SOVIET CENTRAL STRATEGIC SYSTEMS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND TO THE OFFICIAL'S INQUIRY.
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